New policy for airport development

321. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate a new policy to facilitate hurdle-free development of new airports in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new airports that are proposed to be developed hassle-free under the new rules in Orissa and Jharkhand States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) A New Greenfield Airport Policy has been pronounced by the Government in April, 2008. Its salient features are:

(i) An inter-Ministerial Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation would coordinate and monitor various clearances required for the greenfield airport projects.

(ii) Terms and conditions of all the concerned agencies like DGCA, Security, Defence etc. would be prescribed up-front.

(iii) If the proposal is to set up a new airport within an aerial distance of 150 kms. from an existing airport, it would be considered by a Steering Committee and thereafter by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(iv) All reserved activities to be performed at the airport by central agencies like immigration, customs etc. would be on cost recovery basis.

(c) No proposal has been received for setting up of greenfield airports in the States of Orissa and Jharkhand.

Determination of air fare

322. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the authority who decides the air fare on each of air-routes;

(b) whether his Ministry has any role to see the rationalization of rates of air fare;

(c) the reasons for abnormal charges by JET Airways on Delhi-Amritsar route in Economy class; and

(d) the reasons for Indian Airlines to have only one flight on this route whereas JET Airways is having two flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Air fares are not being regulated by the Government. Airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces.